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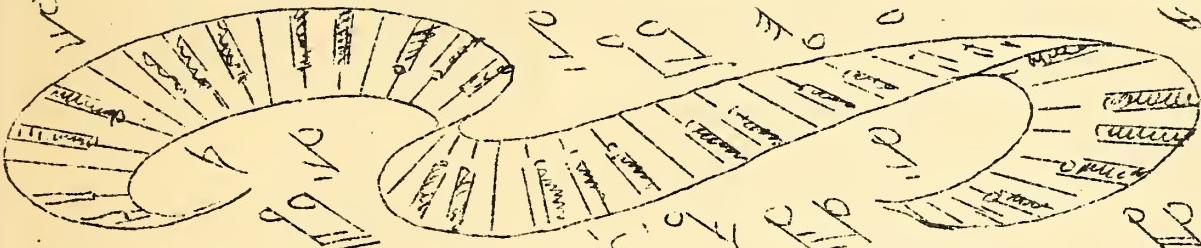
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MUSIC IN WASHINGTON

Our Capital City is a city of music--music to suit every taste and pocket book. You'll want to be sure to attend several musical events this winter. Each month we shall give you a schedule of programs for the month; however, your contact officer will be glad to show you the schedule for the entire season. Ask to see the October 15 "Do You Know".

It's rather late to get series tickets now, but single event tickets may be obtained for the concerts listed. All events at Constitution Hall unless otherwise indicated.

November 11 thru 13, 8:30, the Russian Ballet with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets at Kitts, 1330 G St., N. W.

November 11, 8:30, National Gallery of Art. Concert with Urico Rossi, Violinist of U. S. Navy Band. No charge.

November 14, 8:30, Washington Grand Opera presents Lucia di Lammer-

moor

Tickets at Willard Hotel.
November 18, 4:00. Music of the Americas at the Pan American Union. No charge.

November 18, 4:00. G. Swarthout, mezzo soprano. Tickets at Campbell's, 1108 G St., N. W.

November 18, 8:00, National Gallery of Art. The Sinfonietta with Richard Sales, conductor. No charge.

November 20, 8:30. Egon Petzri, pianist.. Tickets at Willard Hotel.

November 22, 8:30. Rigoletta by Philadelphia La Scala Opera. Tickets at 1108 G St., N. W.

November 25, 4:00. Patricia Travers, violinist, with National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets at 1350 G St., N. W.

November 25, 8:00, National Gallery of Art. George Wargo, viola. No charge.

November 26, 8:30, Rankin Chapel. Ellabelle Davis, soprano. Tickets at School of Music, Howard Univ.

DEAR FELLOWS,

Just wanted to let you know that Connie (my bureau contact officer) is really in the know as to what's the thing to do for fun and entertainment. Some of the best things are for free, too, but every now and then Rachel gets me to invest in something special, such as season tickets to the National Symphony. They're really worth while, too. We heard Marjorie Lawrence on the 31st. That was the nite I was glad I didn't have a car because all those around Constitution Hall were soaped up. Halloween, you know.

This cultural stuff Rachel goes for is o.k., but I like to mix in some sports. I'm going to splurge this Saturday and go horseback riding with some of the fellows. I don't think Rachel rides; anyway, it's cheaper this way. I must say I don't need the exercise offered by sports. Our office is always moving. Most of the boys I contact during the day make regular moves, too. I go around to see Joe in the 7th wing on the 6th floor and a sign on the door tells me Joe's now in the 1st wing on the 1st floor. So I get plenty of exercise.

Have you fellows planned how many Victory Bonds you're going to treat yourself to during the 8th Bond Drive? If Rachel will go dutch on such things as tickets for the United Nations Forum and for the East and West Association I can buy

one of the \$200 Commemoration Bonds. The arrangement in the Fatio where the bond keymen buy our bonds is very attractive. The progress poster (which I heard was prepared by the Graphic Section of EAE) is a pip.

By the way, there's a pal of mine who's coming to D. C., next week, to work for the Department and he's wondering where he and his wife are going to live. If you have any info on available apartments, houses, or rooms, call ext. 3105. I'll get the message.

So long, now. Rachel and I are going square dancing at West Potomac Park, tonite.

Yours,
Reuben.

DEAR GIRLS,

Reuben needn't think he's the only one who likes sports. This is the basketball season and I just called ext. 3105 and registered to play with the Agriculture Girls Team. We're going to play in the Boys' Gym at Central High, Tuesday nites at 9 o'clock, beginning Nov. 13. Hope to see you there.

With love,
Rachel.

FELLOWS,

I forgot to mention that I've recently joined the YMCA. Rachel's note on basketball reminded me. The YM has a swell gym for basketball, volleyball, baseball, etc. There's

special boxing and fencing equipment, too. The swimming pool, which is open 24 hours a day, is a beaut. I can't tell you about all the swell activities they have, but stop by the Y and see if you wouldn't like to join, too. I'll be looking for you.

Reuben.

GROUP HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

Group Health Association is a medical cooperative established to provide Federal employees and their dependents with medical, surgical and hospital service on a prepayment basis. The Association operates a main clinic at 1328 Eye St., N. W. and a branch clinic at 1422 K St., N. W. Included among clinic facilities, in addition to doctors' offices, are an X-ray department, a laboratory, a physical therapy department, refraction equipment, a treatment room for minor surgery, and a pharmacy.

The hospitalization coverage for members and dependents is unusually broad, including up to 60 days' service in any one calendar year or in any one illness. Items paid by the Association include semi-private room, general nursing, operating or delivery room, anaesthetists' services, dressings, most medications, routine laboratory tests, nursery care, emergency room facilities and ambulance service.

Monthly dues are \$2.25 for the

member and for each adult dependent, and \$1.25 for each of the first three child dependents, with no charge for additional child dependents. Applicants for membership pay an application fee of \$2.00 per person. Each member-family pays a membership fee of \$10.00, as part of the Association's capital equipment fund for purchase of clinical facilities and equipment. The membership fee may be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per month.

Further information and application blanks may be secured in room 528 or by calling ext. 3105.

"O" BLOOD

"O" type blood is needed for immediate use by the patients of Walter Reed. A group from Agriculture goes out on Thursdays at 9:30. Register in advance with Miss McFadden, ext. 3281.

DANCE CONCERTS

D. C. Recreation Department is presenting its second series of civic dance concerts at Roosevelt Auditorium, 13th and Allison Streets, N. W. Tickets for the first concert which will be held November 21 at 8:30 p.m. are on sale at Snow's Concert Bureau, 1108 G Street, N. W.

U. S. BOTANIC GARDENS

Be sure to see the breathtaking chrysanthemum display at the Botanic Gardens. Hours--9 to 4.

A-SKATING WE WILL GO

The Chevy Chase Ice Palace has arranged a special skating session for Government employees on Saturday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The price is 50¢.

LET'S GO

It seems that Mrs. Thompson's tours have gone over with a bang. The Agriculture folks who secured reservations had a fine time and those who weren't able to get reservations for the first trips will be interested in knowing there are to be regular planned events.

On November 17, a special bus will leave at 12:40 p.m. for an overnight trip to Charlottesville, Va., where Monticello and the University of Virginia are located. A special feature of the trip will be a Thanksgiving dinner with the trimmings.

A trip to historic Williamsburg is scheduled for November 28 and 29. Leaving Washington at 6 p.m. on the 28th, the group will spend the night at Williamsburg Lodge.

Repeat trip to New York City will take place December 7 thru 9. Special railway car and hotel accommodations.

For reservations call, now, Mrs. Thompson, Columbia 4312.

STATE SOCIETIES

Pennsylvania -	Nov. 13	- Shoreham
New York -	Nov. 21	- Shoreham
Missouri -	Nov. 24	- Shoreham

TRANSPORTATION

We are still attempting to conduct a transportation service. At present, we have no one listed in the northwest section who has a ride to offer a fellow Agriculture employee. If you can share your car, call ext. 3105.

WANT RIDES

Mrs. Martinez, 301 Geranium Street, Silver Spring, Md., ext. 4986
Miss Prebluda, 1323 Tewkesbury Place, N. W., ext. 3615

Mrs. Grossman, 6401 - 14th Street, N. W., ext. 4430

Mr. Froderson, McLean Gardens, N. W., ext. 5192

Maj. Breckin, 1532 Mt. Eagle Place, Park-Fairfax, Va., ext. 3595

Mrs. Johnson, 2514 Q Street, N. W., ext. 2926

Miss Mathers, 5402 Connecticut Ave., N. W., ext. 5051

WANTS RIDERS

Mr. Colby, 1530 N. Quesada, Falls Church, Va., ext. 3197

GOING HIS WAY?

Requests to the Red Cross from service personnel desiring "lifts" out of town or to their homes far exceed space offered in automobiles.

Motorists planning out-of-town trips who are able to accommodate one or more service people should register with the D. C. Red Cross Staff Assistance Corps, D. A. R. Building, 17th and D Streets, N. W., telephone Republic 8300, ext. 941.